

times over the years as well as Chairman of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board. He is a past president of the 4-C Economic Development Authority and Beckley Rotary Club. He has served as Chairman of the Region I Planning and Development Council in Princeton, the Beckley Sanitary Board, the Pinecrest Development Corporation, and Beckley Renaissance. He has also served as Director of the Mountain State University Foundation, Board of Directors/Vice-President and past Campaign Chair of the United Way of Southern West Virginia, a member of the Raleigh County Airport Authority, a member of the Board of Trustees for Beckley Little League, and Vice Chairman of Appalachian Regional Healthcare in Lexington, Kentucky.

Awards Mayor Pugh has received include being named Past Mayor of the Year, being a recipient of four All Star Community Awards and the Paul Harris Fellow from the Beckley Rotary Club. He was also the proud recipient of the 2009 Spirit of Beckley Award. Mr. Pugh is a member of the National League of Cities, Moose International, NAACP, and the West Virginia Municipal League.

During his tenure, the fortunes of the City that Emmett Pugh serves as mayor have grown. The list is long, but projects Mayor Pugh has led include the renovation of the police garage, the construction of two new fire stations, the annexation of additional properties that have expanded the City's reach, the razing of deteriorated properties to open opportunities for renewal, the paving and enhancement of streets and addition of traffic lights, the purchase of equipment for community playgrounds, and the addition of picnic shelters in community parks. His handiwork can be seen in the Beckley Intermodal Gateway, the Rahall Company Store, Thornhill Courts, Freedom and Word Parks, and the Lewis-McManus Trail. And, the list goes on.

As long as humankind holds public office, the Good Book teaches us there will be no perfect office holders. But we can thank the Almighty that there are talented, dedicated, caring human hearts and minds that take up the call to public service.

It has been said that the highest honor one can receive is one from those who themselves walk in our shoes. That Emmett's fellow Mayors have honored him not once, not twice, but three unprecedented times, electing him as their League President, and presenting him with their "Quiet Strength" Award speaks volumes. Emmett's mentor, John McCulloch, a former Beckley Mayor himself, helped put Emmett's own quiet strength to work for the good families, businesses and industries of Beckley. Over the decades, whether calling City Hall, the Mayor's home, or even his cell phone, one knew that the quiet strength of Emmett Pugh could be counted on to answer. For that, we thank my long-time friend and ALL of Beckley's Mayor, Emmett Pugh.

DELEGATE LACEY E. PUTNEY

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, this year marks Delegate Lacey E. Putney's retirement from 52 years of distinguished public service and

accomplishment representing Bedford and the surrounding area in the Virginia House of Delegates. Born in Big Island, Virginia, Delegate Putney is the longest-serving member of the Virginia House of Delegates in the Commonwealth's history, having served since January 1962. He was a member of the Appropriations Committee for nearly 50 years, including 5 years as its Chairman, providing critical leadership in the development of our state's balanced budgets each year. Legislators on both sides of the aisle have always had the utmost respect for Delegate Putney because he has always led based on his conscience and his convictions rather than partisan interests. He will be remembered for his service to our country in the United States Air Force, his devotion to fiscal responsibility, his commitment to economic development, and his legacy of independent-minded leadership for our great Commonwealth.

Lacey Putney devoted his life and career to the betterment of his community and our entire state. On behalf of myself and Representatives BOB GOODLATTE, BOBBY SCOTT, RANDY FORBES, ROB WITTMAN, MORGAN GRIFFITH and SCOTT RIGELL, I thank Delegate Putney for his decades of service to the great Commonwealth of Virginia. It has been an honor to serve with him, and I wish him and his wife, Carmela the best in his retirement.

HONORING MR. DUNBAR BROOKS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Dunbar Brooks on the occasion of his retirement from the Baltimore Metropolitan Council after a long and distinguished career and decades of selfless community volunteerism.

A lifelong resident of Turner's Station in Baltimore County, Mr. Brooks is a United States Army veteran, honorably serving two tours of duty in Vietnam before starting his career. He has worked as a manager of data development and regional planner at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council since 1982, developing expertise in spinning numbers into compelling stories. He has become the go-to guy for demographers and planners across the region, helping to shape Baltimore's landscape.

Throughout his career, Mr. Brooks has held several teaching positions, including at the Community College of Baltimore County and the Morgan State graduate school. He has managed to find time volunteering for countless boards and commissions, including both the Baltimore County Board of Education and Maryland State Board of Education, where he served as president. He is the longtime chairman of the Turner Station Development Corporation and a life member of the Dundalk-Sparrows Point NAACP.

I would be remiss not to mention that Mr. Brooks' relentless leadership helped terminate plans for a dangerous and ill-advised liquid natural gas facility near the Turners Station community. Mr. Brooks spent countless hours fighting on behalf of his community, the Port of Baltimore and the thousands of jobs dependent on it.

Mr. Brooks' is the well-deserved recipient of awards and accolades too numerous to list in

their entirety. Most recently, he received the Baltimore County NAACP Excellence in Education Award. In 2002, he earned the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Baltimore City Community College and the Chesapeake Region Community Service Award from the Boy Scouts in 1998.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Brooks on a personal level for many years. In addition to his community spirit and generosity, I am deeply impressed with his dedication to his family. He is also a loving husband to his wife, Edith, as well as a proud father and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Dunbar Brooks. His service and dedication to the people of Maryland is an inspiration. It is with great pride that I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him many more years of continued success and happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLY CAHILL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Willy "Clipper" Cahill who is being honored today with a USA Judo Lifetime Achievement Award. I can't think of a more deserving person to receive this exceptional honor. Willy has empowered thousands of children and adults through an ancient art form that builds confidence and enhances independence.

I was one of those lucky children. Willy was my judo teacher from third through sixth grade. He was a fantastic role model, the embodiment of discipline, humility and grace.

His teachings have served me well throughout my life. A few years ago, Stephen Colbert of Comedy Central's Colbert Report came to Capitol Hill to interview me. He was, of course, not interested in ordinary footage, instead he made me get on a skateboard and cruise through the halls of Congress. He goaded me about my judo experience and dared me to throw him onto the marble floor in the Capitol. Colbert ended up on the floor and so did the footage—on the cutting room floor. Without my early lessons and Willy's guidance who knows what would have happened?

Willy was born in 1935 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He started his martial arts education under his father, Professor John Cahill, Sr. who had studied under Professor Okazaki's Kodenkan System of Jujitsu in Hawaii. When Willy was 12 years old, he was treated and cured of Polio. He walked out of the hospital—a miracle for which he credits Professor Okazaki.

After graduating from South San Francisco High School, Willy attended San Mateo Junior College. His father founded Cahill's Judo Academy in Daly City in 1948. Professor Cahill's dream was to get one of his students to the Olympics. That dream was cut short by his tragic and premature death at age 50.

Willy had big shoes to fill, but he lived up to the challenge and beyond. In honor of his dad, Willy opened a new Cahill's Judo Academy Dojo in San Bruno in 1963. Setting the highest standards and goals for himself and his students, Willy has surpassed his father's dream.